

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
Mark J. Soulliere	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 2613
Serial No.: 10/786,175	§	
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Confirmation No.: 3794	§	Examiner: Wai Lun Leung
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Filed: February 24, 2004	§	
	§	Customer No. 47389
For: RECONFIGURABLE	§	
OPTICAL ADD-DROP	§	
MULTIPLEXERS	§	
EMPLOYING OPTICAL	§	
MULTIPLEX SECTION	§	
SHARED PROTECTION	§	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 29, 2007**

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 29, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/001111/WCG for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.